Introduced by Senator Aanestad

February 18, 2005

An act to amend Section—47633 47652 of the Education Code, relating to school funding.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 604, as amended, Aanestad. Charter—School Block Grant. schools: funding.

Existing law provides that a charter school in its first year of operation is eligible to receive funding for a specified advance apportionment based on an estimate of average daily attendance for the current fiscal year, as specified.

This bill, in addition, would also make charter schools that project an increase in pupil enrollment of at least 10% for the ensuing fiscal year eligible for that funding.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to annually compute a categorical block grant amount for each charter school and includes specified categorical programs in that computation.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no-yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 47633 of the Education Code is
- 2 amended to read:

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SECTION 1. Section 47652 of the Education Code is amended to read:

47652. (a) Notwithstanding Section 41330, a charter school in its first year of operation-shall be, or a charter school that projects an increase in pupil enrollment of at least 10 percent for the ensuing fiscal year, is eligible to receive funding for the advance apportionment based on an estimate of average daily attendance for the respective current fiscal year or ensuing fiscal *year*, as approved by the local educational agency that granted its charter and the county office of education in which the charter-granting agency is located. For charter schools approved by the State Board of Education, estimated average daily attendance shall be approved by, and submitted directly to, and approved by, the State Department of Education. Not later than five business days following the end of the first 20 schooldays, a charter school receiving funding pursuant to this section shall report to the Department of Education its actual average daily attendance for that first month, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall adjust immediately, but not later than 45 days, the amount of its advance apportionment accordingly.

- (b) A charter school in its first year of operation may only commence instruction within the first three months of the fiscal year beginning July 1 of that year. A charter school shall not be eligible for an apportionment pursuant to subdivision (a), or any other apportionment for a fiscal year in which instruction commenced after September 30 of that fiscal year.
- 47633. The Superintendent shall annually compute a general-purpose entitlement, funded from a combination of state aid and local funds, for each charter school as follows:
- (a) The superintendent shall annually compute the statewide average amount of general-purpose funding per unit of average daily attendance received by school districts for each of four grade level ranges: kindergarten and grades 1, 2, and 3; grades 4, 5, and 6; grades 7 and 8; and, grades 9 to 12, inclusive. For purposes of making these computations, both of the following conditions shall apply:
- (1) Revenue limit funding attributable to pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 5, inclusive, shall equal the statewide average revenue limit funding per unit of average daily attendance received by elementary school districts; revenue limit

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funding attributable to pupils in grades 6, 7, and 8, shall equal the statewide average revenue limit funding per unit of average daily attendance received by unified school districts; and revenue limit funding attributable to pupils in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, shall equal the statewide average revenue limit funding per unit of average daily attendance received by high school districts.

- (2) Revenue limit funding received by school districts shall exclude the value of any benefit attributable to the presence of necessary small schools or necessary small high schools within the school district.
- (b) The superintendent shall multiply each of the four amounts computed in subdivision (a) by the charter school's average daily attendance in the corresponding grade level ranges. The resulting figure shall be the amount of the charter school's general-purpose entitlement, which shall be funded through a combination of state aid and local funds. From funds appropriated for this purpose pursuant to Section 14002, the superintendent shall apportion to each charter school this amount, less local funds allocated to the charter school pursuant to Section 47635.
- (c) General-purpose entitlement funding may be used for any public school purpose determined by the governing body of the charter school.